



*Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
January 28-29, 2017



**THE PRELUDE:** "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

*arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN:** 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 167 (*please stand if you are able*)

*We Share God's Peace With One Another*

**INTROIT: Psalm 1**



The Lord knows the way of the / righteous,	but the way of the wicked will / perish.
Blessed / is the man	who walks not in the counsel of the / wicked,
nor stands in the way of / sinners,	nor sits in the seat of / scoffers;
his delight is in the law / of the Lord,	and on His law he meditates / day and night.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son	and to the Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the be- / ginning,	is now, and will be forever. / Amen.
The Lord knows the way of the / righteous,	but the way of the wicked will / perish.

**KYRIE:** pages 168-169

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "This Is the Feast" pages 171-172

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

L: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. C: **Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**  
*(please be seated)*

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "Hallelujah!"

*Kdg-8<sup>th</sup> Grade School Students*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things

that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.            C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 173 *(sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.            C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

*(Saturday)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

**I love to tell the story Of how the people came To see Him feed the hungry  
To see Him cure the lame. For Jesus shows compassion To those in storm and strife  
And offers all His children His gift—eternal life. I love to tell the story;  
‘Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 567 “Not What These Hands Have Done”**

**SERMON: “When It Is Good to Be Foolish and Weak” 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

*(10:30 a.m.) Installation of Newly-Elected & Re-Elected Officers*

*(please stand)* **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed**

*(Sunday)* **The Nicene Creed: page 174** *(Saturday)* **The Apostles’ Creed: page 175**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(each petition ends, “let us pray to the Lord”; and we respond, “**Lord, have mercy.**”)

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Bill Smith, Nina Guebert, Genevieve Moeller, Donald Salger, Leoma Heller, C. John Prigge, Pat Malik, Omar Koester, Peggy Sitzes, Paul Mollet; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Bob Stirnaman, Debra Weimer, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Bobby Wood, Lori Voges, John Traube, Delores Langrehr, Michael Yarbrough, Edna DesRoches, Lois Nagel, Elaine Goetting. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

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*(please be seated)* **OFFERING:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *arranged by Hugo Gehrke*

*(please stand)* **OFFERTORY:** page 176

*The Saturday service continues with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.*

*(Sunday)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

**PREFACE:** page 177

**SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** page 178

**LORD’S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:** page 179

**THE PAX DOMINI:**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.            C: **Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 180

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

396 “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Thank the Lord” page 181

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 183

**BENEDICTION:** page 183

**CLOSING HYMN: 923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

*arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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